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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
August 9, 2021***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice, Councilman Russell Joseph, Town Administrator Lisa Marks and Public Works Supervisor Frank O'Day.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jason Loar, Engineer with Davis, Bowen & Friedel, gave a brief update on the Route 13 Water Crossing project.

Minutes from the July 12, 2021, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes. Carried.

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony. Read by Councilman Donald Trice.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. The August 2, 2021, meeting opened at 7:00pm. There were 3 items on the Agenda. Representatives for two items were not in attendance. The lot separation of Lots 98 & 99, Little Meadows was approved. The meeting Adjourned at 7:28pm.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell, read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.
- Streets – Report submitted by Councilman Russell Joseph. The 2021 Street Paving Project is in progress.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice. Three of the four new pieces of playground equipment have been installed. The final piece will be installed as soon as the missing spring arrives. There were four Park Rentals in July. Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice introduced the idea of having a Community Yard Sale to be held on either September 11th or October 9th. Before opening the floor to the Good of the Community, Council unanimously voted to hold a Community Yard Sale on October 9th, from 7am to noon. The fee will be 15.00 for a 10x10 area.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.



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- Town Administrator Report – Submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. The Town Administrator also read a follow-up letter from the Sussex Conservation District in reference to a sediment and stormwater plan project and a stormwater drainage project they are involved in with Little Meadows.

❖ New Business:

- Jason Loar – Davis, Bowen & Friedel: Engineering Update: Jason spoke at the beginning of the meeting.

❖ Old Business:

- Police Hiring Discussion: Police Commissioner/Councilman Donald Trice requested that a part-time officer is hired to assist Police Chief Anthony and Sergeant Matos until a second full-time officer is hired and on duty. Councilwoman Ashley Hudson motioned to hire a part-time officer; Councilman Russell Joseph seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes. Carried.
- Second Reading Ordinance 435 – Contractor’ Licenses and Fees: The Second Reading of Ordinance 435 was accepted in written form.
- Third Reading Resolution Change – Building Permit Rates and Penalties: Motion to accept Resolution in written form by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes. Carried.
- Third Reading Resolution Change – Cemetery Bi-Law Rates and Penalties: Motion to accept Resolution in written form by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes. Carried.

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen concerns included, if there will be a local September 11th Ceremony (not at this time), fire hydrant repair in Little Meadows (repaired), we are waiting for caps to repair two additional hydrants, dry cleaners progress (it is still being investigated), when will there be another EPA update (will contact the EPA), retention pond project and storm water drainage project in Little Meadows (Little Meadows and Sussex Conservation District projects, not the Towns).

Vice-Mayor Mike Smith motioned to adjourn the August 9, 2021, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilman Russell Joseph.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant

Town Council Meeting Minutes